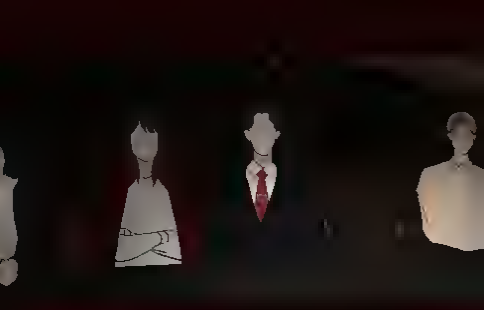

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PHEW...

THAT'S A RELIEF.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

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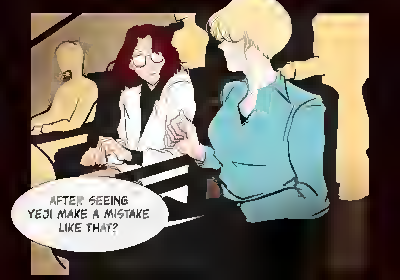
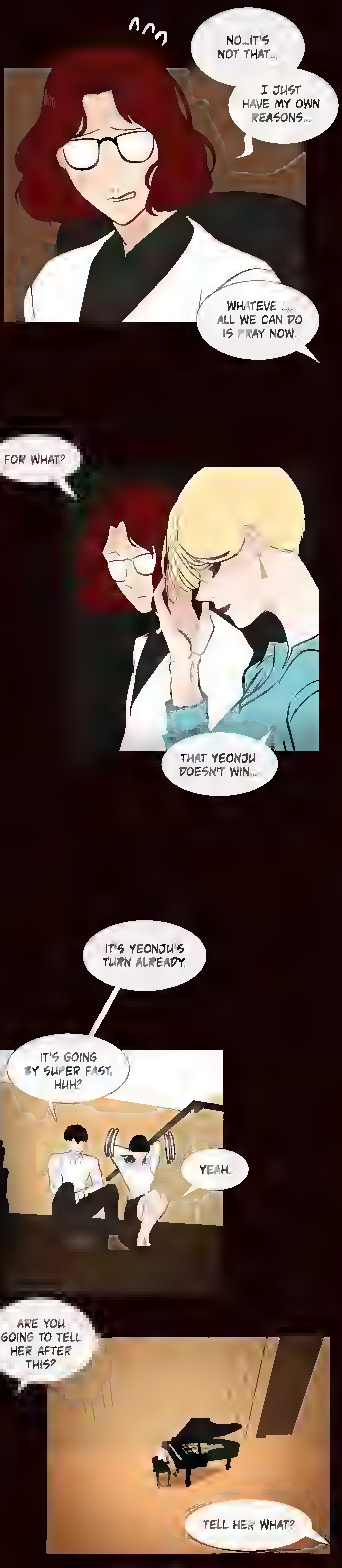
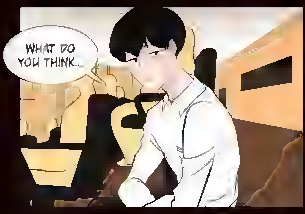
ARE YOU SERIOUS?



AFTER SEEING YEJI MAKE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT?


NO...IT'S NOT THAT...
I JUST HAVE MY OWN REASONS...
WHATEVE.... ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY NOW.
FOR WHAT?
THAT YEONJU DOESN'T WIN...
IT'S YEONJU'S TURN ALREADY.
IT'S GOING BY SUPER FAST, HUH?
YEAH.
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HER AFTER THIS?
TELL HER WHAT?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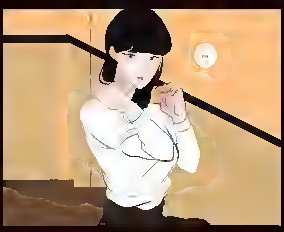
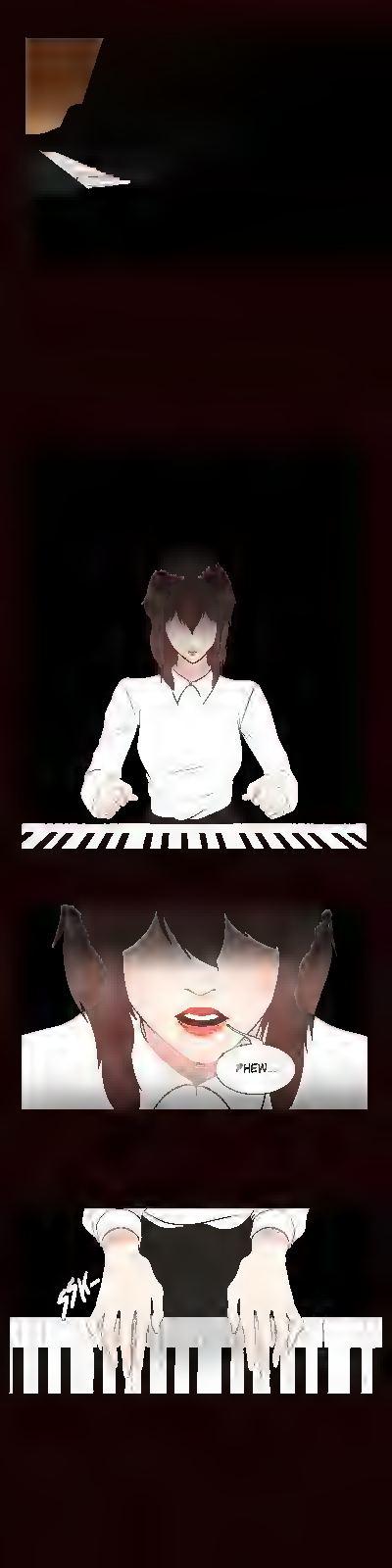
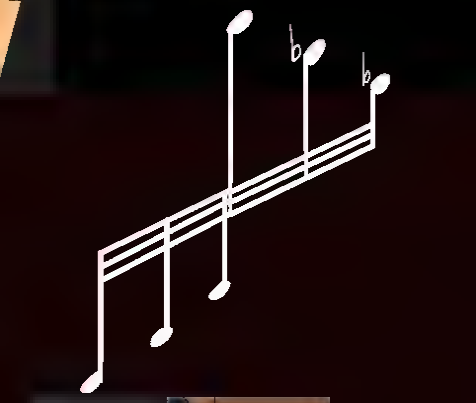
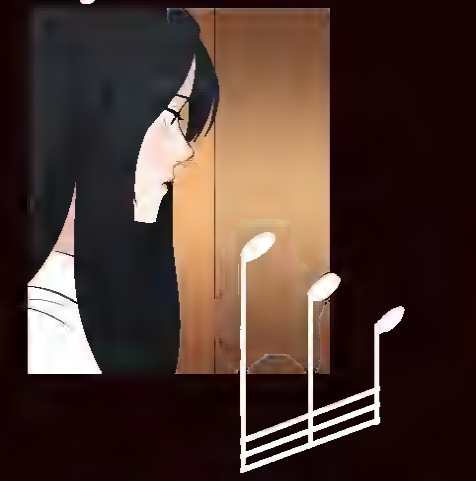


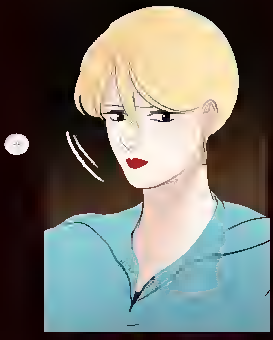

PHEW....
SPIN-





...FIREWORKS?
...DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
ABOUT WHAT?
SHE'S PLAYING THE SAME PIECE AS YEJI.
I JUST FOUND OUT WHEN YEJI STARTED PLAYING DURING HER TURN.

I WANTED TO TELL YOU BUT YOU TOLD ME TO BE QUIET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EH? YEONJU'S PLAYING THE SAME PIECE?
YEAH, GUESS SO...
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
WE NEVER ASKED EACH OTHER

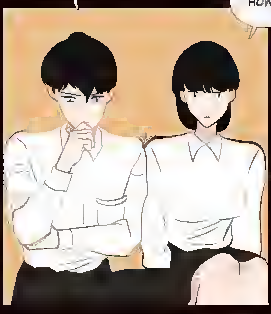
I KNOW IT'S ADVANTAGEOUS TO CHOOSE A DIFFICULT PIECE, BUT HOW DID YOU TWO END UP PLAYING THE SAME SONG...

YEAH.. WHAT A SURPRISE...

HM...

YOU GUYS SOUND DIFFERENT FOR SURE, THOUGH...

HOW?



UM...

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...

SHE SOUNDS A BIT.. STIFF?

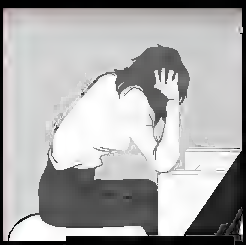
AS MY HANDS
PRESS THE KEYS
I'VE MADE THEM MEMORIZE...
WHAT KEEPS ON POPPING
UP IN MY MIND .

...ARE MY ANXIOUS,

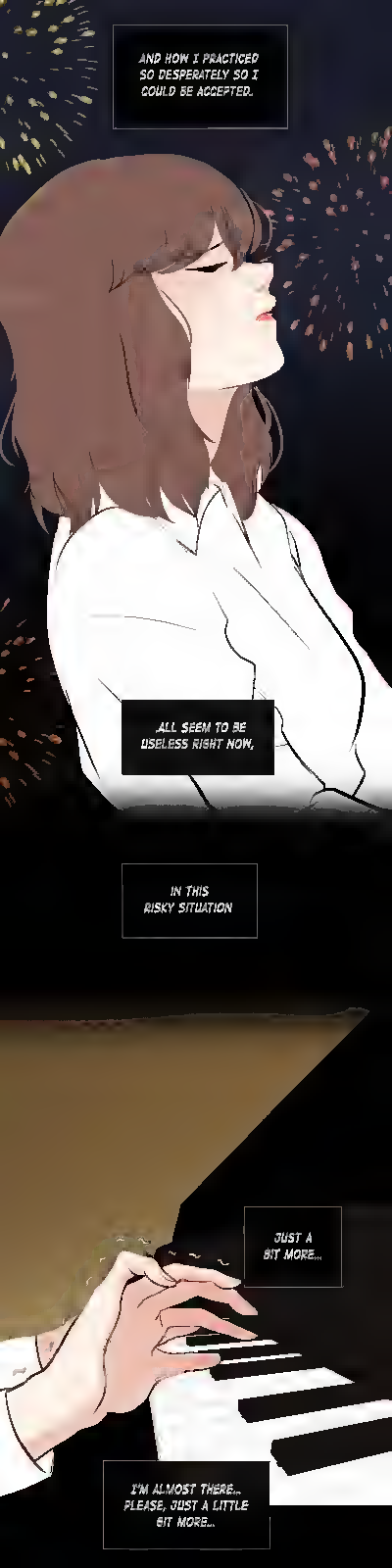
UNCOMFORTABLE,

AND HURTFUL MEMORIES...

...AND NOT THE NOTES



ALL MY EFFORTS...
HOW I BARELY MANAGED
TO SIT MYSELF DOWN,


AND HOW I PRACTICED SO DESPERATELY SO I COULD BE ACCEPTED.
ALL SEEM TO BE USELESS RIGHT NOW,
IN THIS RISKY SITUATION
JUST A BIT MORE...
I'M ALMOST THERE... PLEASE, JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE...

PLEASE...

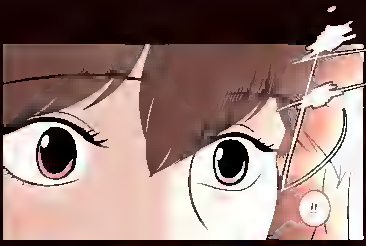
PLEASE...

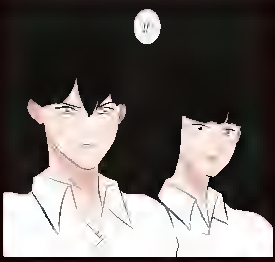
...PLEASE...

...I KNEW IT

POOF-

AS I EXPECTED. YOU REALLY ARE NO GOOD.

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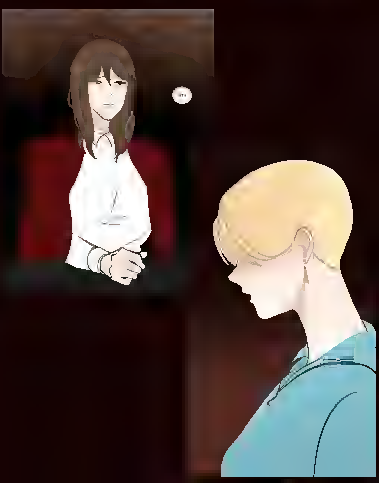
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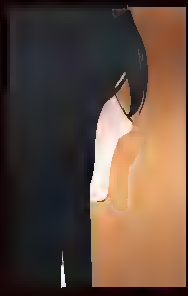
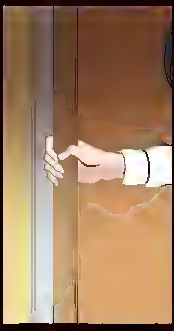
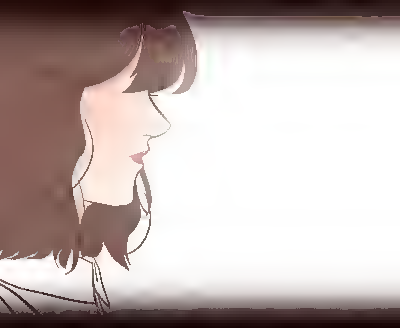






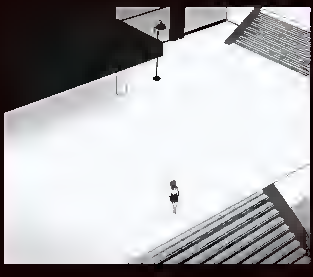
WOW SHE MESSED UP IN THE END
CLAP
CLAPCLAP
SHE SEEMED SUPER NERVOUS.
DIDN'T THE OTHER GIRL MESS UP AS WELL?
I GUESS YOU SHOULDN'T BE TOO GREEDY EITHER..
IT WAS FINE UNTIL SHE MADE THAT MISTAKE..
CLAP
CLAPCLAP
I FEEL BAD FOR HER
CL AP

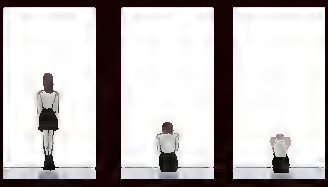
PUHAHAHAHA!!!
AHAHAHAHA!!!
CLAP CLAP
AND YOU SAID YOU WOULD PROVE YOURSELF?!

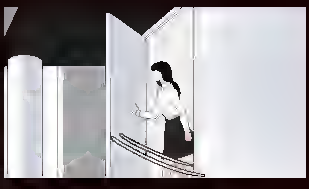
YOU SAID YOU WOULD WIN???!!

!

I'M GOING TO GO FIND YEONJU.
OKAY...



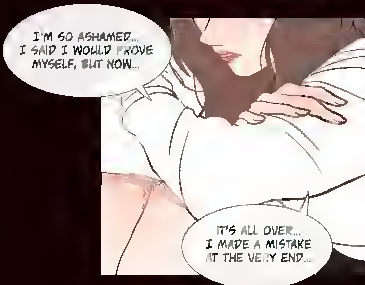




HEY...

SORRY... YOU MUST BE UPSET AS WELL...
IT'S FINE... YOU CAN TALK TO ME...

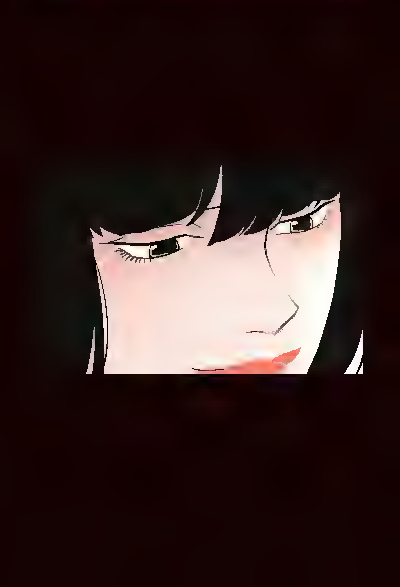
IT'S NOT JUST DISAPPOINTMENT


I'M SO ASHAMED... I SAID I WOULD PROVE MYSELF, BUT NOW...
IT'S ALL OVER... I MADE A MISTAKE AT THE VERY END...

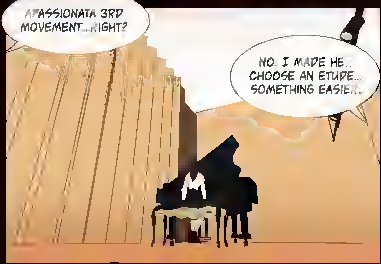
PROFESSOR... SHE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME NOW
...

IT'S NOT OVER, YEONJU. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HUH...?
IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD, YOU KNOW.
...?
THIS IS ONLY OUR FIRST CONCOURS AND YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE PROFESSOR JIN ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE EITHER
RIGHT?
THERE'S ALWAYS A NEXT TIME YOU KNOW?
AM I RIGHT OR WHAT??!!
?

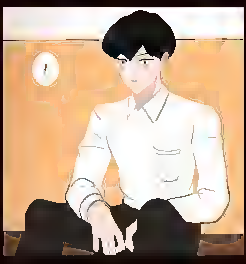
YOU'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO SHOW THEM. TODAY WON'T BE THE ONLY DAY!
HUG



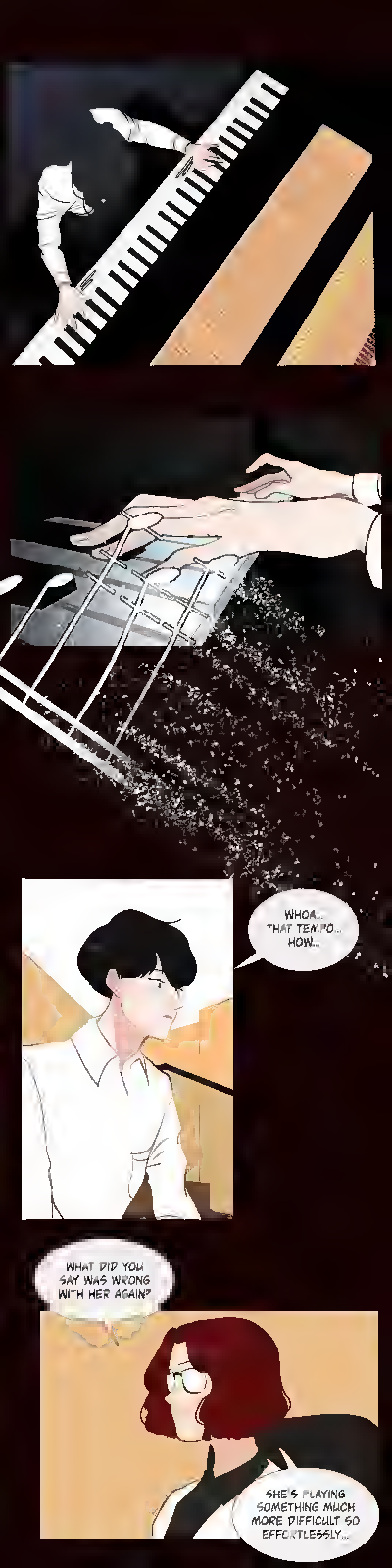
IS HEE-EUN GOING LAST?
YEAH.

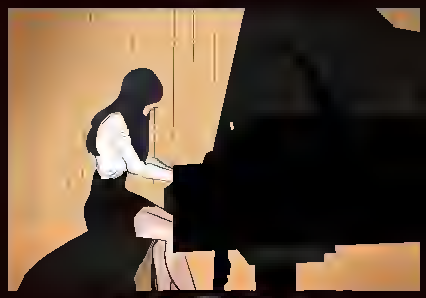

A "PASSIONATA 3RD MOVEMENT...RIGHT?
NO. I MADE HE... CHOOSE AN ETUDE... SOMETHING EASIER...

HUH? SHE PLAYS SO WELL THOUGH
SHE SEEMS TO BE SLACKING OFF LATELY IT'S HER TURN NOW, SO YOU'LL SEE...
SO WHAT IS SHE PLAYING?
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT?? BUT YOU'RE HER ADVISOR!
I JUST TOLD HER TO TAKE CARE OF IT
SHE SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS IT'S NOT TOO DIFFICULT, SO...
?!



PROFESSOR... THAT...
IT'S CHOPIN... "WINTER WIND", RIGHT?
SLAM

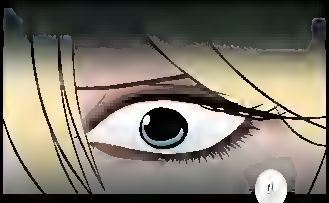

WHOA... THAT TEMPO... HOW...
WHAT DID YOU SAY WAS WRONG WITH HER AGAIN?
SHE'S PLAYING SOMETHING MUCH MORE DIFFICULT SO EFFORTLESSLY...



WHO WOULD EVER THINK THAT SHE CAN'T EVEN PLAY BEETHOVEN...?

....

LOOK AT ME, PROFESSOR



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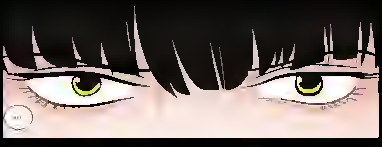
SURELY YOU MUST UNDERSTAND NOW

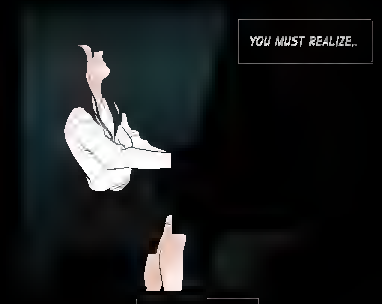
THAT YOU WON'T FIND YOUR HAPPINESS

IN SUCH WORTHLESS,

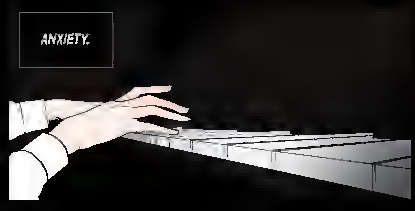
CLUELESS CHILDREN.
WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

DON'T EVER GET INVOLVED WITH SUCH... DISSONANT NOTES.





LET'S GET RID OF
THESE DIRTY MELODIES..
..COMPLETELY.



SO ALL OF THESE THINGS WON'T EVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN

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